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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please delete the paragraph on page 16, line 23-page 17, line 2, as follows:

~~The instructions of the software layers, routines, or modules may be transported to the network element in one of many different ways. For example, code segments including instructions stored on floppy disks, CD or DVD media, a hard disk, or transported through a network interface card, modem, or other interface device may be loaded into the system and executed as corresponding software layers, routines, or modules. In the loading or transport process, data signals that are embodied in carrier waves (transmitted over telephone lines, network lines, wireless links, cables, and the like) may communicate the code segments, including instructions, to the network element. Such carrier waves may be in the form of electrical, optical, acoustical, electromagnetic, or other types of signals.~~